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1. The Lek plant is situated at the intersection of Celovska and Gospodinska Streets, in Zgornja Siska, a suburb of Ljubljana. The coordinates are: 46°4'12" north; 14°29'35" east of Greenwich. (For details see map.)
2. The plant was built in 1938 as the property of a certain Payer, and was a linen factory until 15 December 1947. At that time it was converted into the present Lek Pharmaceutical plant.
3. The machinery was transferred from the former Kolar pharmaceutical plant, 26 Zibertova Street, Ljubljana, which is presently the Lek shipping department. An unspecified number of new machines were obtained through Hungarian reparations.
4. Map identification:
 - a. The ground plan
 - 1 - construction proceeding on this part of building
 - 2 - garage
 - 3 - main entrance
 - 4 - the plant
 - 5 - storehouse for acids (wooden construction)
 - 6 - courtyard
 - b. The vault (basement)
 - 1 - syrup department (manufacture of syrups)
 - A - filter apparatus
 - 2 - syrup packing shipping section
 - B - apparatus for filling bottles
 - C - packing section

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9 - serum department

E - sterile room for filling serum containers

F, G - sterile apparatus for filling serum containers by means of oxygen and Methan-Gas

10 - preparation and rinsing of serum containers

5. Administrative personnel:

- a. Riko Repic, chemical engineer, director of the plant; brother of the Slovene Minister of Commerce; owned a soap plant before the war; served with the Partisans; Communist, chief of the Party cell in the plant; lives at 4/72/I Tyrseva Street, Ljubljana.
- b. Marija Adamic, nee Repic (director's sister), administrator, Communist and OF activist; professor of mathematics.
- c. Krista Lipovsek, chief clerk, native of Devica Marija v Polju, ardent Communist. She was pay clerk some months ago but because of her Party reliability was promoted to supervisor of the entire administrative personnel.
- d. Rezica Stok, 35 personnel clerk, fanatic Communist, one of the chief terrorists in the plant, very unpopular. She lives at 3/II Zrinjskega Street. Her assistant is: Dragica Stefancic, SKOJ member, incompetent.
- e. Bruno Leban, managing director, formerly apprentice at the Kolar pharmaceutical plant, reliable Communist (rapid promotions), slave driver. Lives at Rozna Dolina.
- f. Ivo Srse, storage clerk, formerly employed in the Gregoric chemist shop, Ljubljana. Non-Communist, criticizes the regime.
- g. Jozef Fajdiga, storage clerk, formerly employed in the Gregoric chemist shop. Opposes the regime, but is very timid.

6. Professional personnel:

- a. Miroslava Lahovnik, pharmacist, of Ptuj, laboratory chief. Professionally able and a key person at Lek. Opposes the regime, non-Communist by principle.
- b. Rupnik (fnu), pharmacist, chief technician in Serum Department (sister of the former Minister of Justice, Dr. Pokorn).
- c. Rudi Istenic, chief of drug department, Communist, succeeded engineer Hans Freidell (a German PW) who has been released.


7. Communists and SKOJ members in the plant:a. Communists:

- 1) Riko Repic, director
- 2) Marija Adamic, his sister
- 3) Slavka Crnkovic, bookkeeper
- 4) Albert Sedmak, lawyer
- 5) Milan Pristavec, driver, president of the syndicate
- 6) Rozica Stok, personnel clerk
- 7) Bruno Leban, managing director
- 8) Rudi Istenic, chief of drug department

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- 9) Kristina Lipovsek, chief clerk
- 10) Cilka Debevc, worker in packing section
- 11) Dragica Gantar, worker in capsule section
- 12) Mara Martinuc, storekeeper
- 13) Anica Mursek, worker in serum department
- 14) Marcel Borgia, smith, locksmith, "shock" worker

b. SKOJ members:

- 1) Pero Bamburac, SKOJ president, chief of personnel section
- 2) Jelka Zalar, SKOJ secretary, official
- 3) Dragica Stefancic, assistant personnel clerk
- 4) Draga Bavdas, worker in syrup department
- 5) Marija Gmajner, official (moderate)
- 6) Stane Gmajner, apprentice (moderate)
- 7) Franci Grlica, apprentice
- 8) Stefka Blajvajs, official

8. Reliable anti-Communists in the plant:

- a. Miroslava Lahovnik, laboratory chief, timid but ready to collaborate with the West.
- b. Stane Vidic, bookkeeper, formerly bookkeeper of the "Zadružna Gospodarska Banka", Ljubljana; very timid and refuses any collaboration with the Western emissaries.
- c. Zvone Cadez, assistant bookkeeper, 21 former "domobran", a member of "Straza".
- d. Zofka Pirman, protocol official, willing to collaborate
- e. Marija Vergelj, not interested in political or intelligence work
- f. Marija Poloh, official, willing to collaborate
- g. Ivo Srse, storehouse worker, very timid
- h. Joze Fajdiga, storehouse worker, willing to collaborate
- i. Pavla Mihelic, secretary of the syndicate, student, disillusioned with the present regime.
- j. Srečko Skofic, chief of purchasing department (brother of Engineer Marjan Skofic, managing director of Lek - Menges). Opposes the regime; timid.

9. There are two sworn Cominformists in the plant; Franc Biscak and Franc Nedoh (both from Primorje). Biscak tends the drug-manufacturing machine; Nedoh is a driver. They were purged from the Party and do not attend meetings.

10. The plant employs 182 workers, 20 percent of whom are skilled, or experts, in pharmaceuticals, and 80 percent unskilled or new employees. Five percent of the new workers were trained in special courses. In addition to the workers, there are 40 officials.

11. Wages:

- a. Skilled workers, 16 dinars per hour
- b. Unskilled workers, 9 - 14 dinars per hour

12. Finished products are sent to Kemofarmacija, at Ljubljana, 7 Metelkova Street. Kemofarmacija ships medicaments to drug stores, hospitals, health resorts,

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and to the various public health departments. The director of Kemofarmacija is Tone Gasperlin. Analyses have shown that the medicaments are of bad quality and are ineffective. The Lek plant is short of sulphates, lead, acetates, "panopin", streptomycin, and so on.

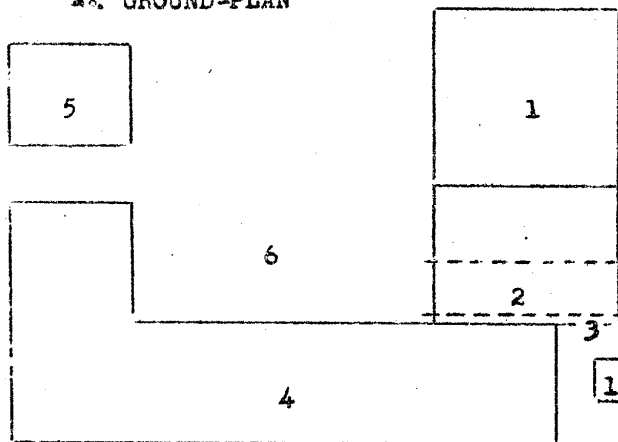
13. Production at the plant failed by 21 percent to fulfill the "norm" for 1948. Because of lack of raw materials and shortage of electric power, the plant was reduced to a daily working schedule of between 14 and 22 hours.
14. Raw materials are supplied by the Pliva plant in Serbia, and by Switzerland. Czechoslovakia cancelled all shipments of supplies.
15. The Lek Shipping Department: This is located at 26 Zibertova Street, Ljubljana, and was formerly the Kolar pharmaceutical plant but was nationalized, and its former owner, a Czech, now lives in Prague. Between 1945 and 15 December 1947, this was the actual Lek plant until transferred to the building described in the paragraphs above.
16. The planning department of the Lek plant is also located in this building.
17. Personnel:
 - a. Jozse Spacapan, chief of shipping department, chemist, wartime OF activist, non-Communist, very servile.
 - b. Dr. Vilko Rajc, chief of planning department, leader of political meetings, non-Communist. Timid.
 - c. Cvetka Kovac, official, friendly toward the West.
18. The Lek "Menges" Laboratory (possibly at d.7 on map.): The laboratory employs 25 persons; 20 of them are native workers, five are experts of unstated nationality.
19. Personnel:
 - a. Dr. Viljem Koch, promoted to laboratory chief, the only German left in the plant. He is paid 8,000 dinars per month. He experiments chiefly with green frogs and specializes in extracts (extract felicis maris, extract belladonae).
 - b. Chemical engineer Marjan Skofic, Koch's chief assistant, managing director of Menges plant. Very able, constructed a new "Destillier Apparat" (details unknown). Politically neutral, generally popular with the workers.

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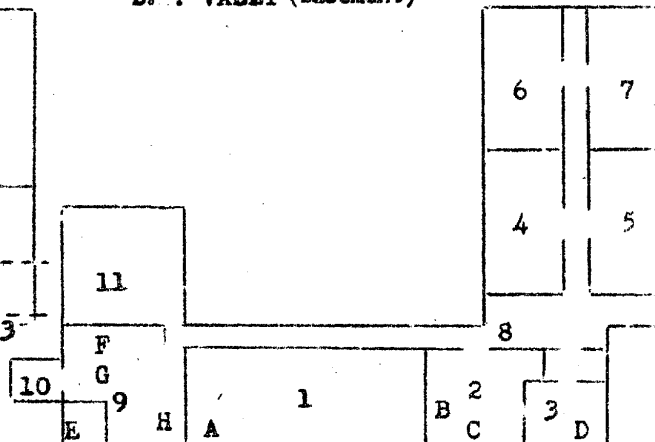
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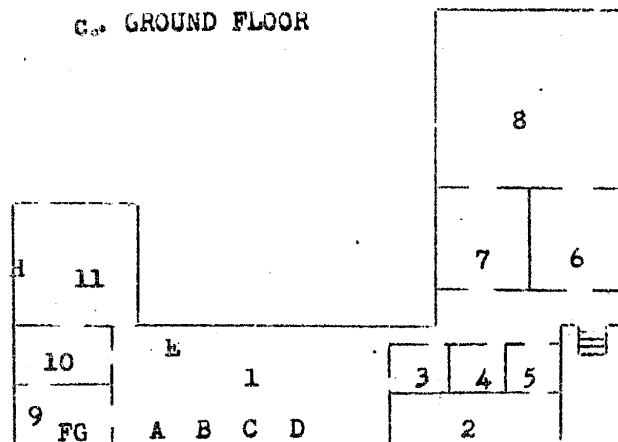
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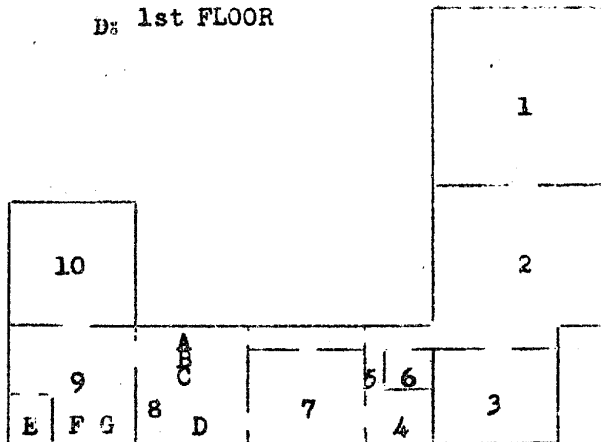
B. VAJET (basement)



C. GROUND FLOOR



D. 1st FLOOR



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